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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) A network transacting method using a data processing system in which a plurality of terminal units, each having at least a data inputting function, a data outputting function and a data communicating function, are connected to a communication network for interchanging data with each other, said network transacting method comprising:
 - actuating a trader's terminal unit to present data representative of a purchase offer for an intellectual property;
 - actuating the trader's terminal unit to accept a sale offer for the intellectual property which is received from a seller via the communication network;
 - ~~causing purchasing, by the trader, of to purchase~~ the intellectual property from the seller;
 - ~~causing filing, by the trader, of to file~~ an application for a patent on the intellectual property in a Patent Office;
 - actuating the trader's terminal unit to register information relating to the intellectual property such that data relating to the intellectual property can be browsed via the communication network;
 - actuating the trader's terminal unit to present a sale offer for the intellectual property to a buyer;
 - actuating the trader's terminal unit to accept a purchase offer for the intellectual property which is received from the buyer via the communication network;

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~~selling, by the trader, of the intellectual property to the buyer; and~~
~~transferring the submitting, by the trader, of a record of the transfer of ownership of~~
the intellectual property from the seller to the buyer at the Patent Office.

3. (Currently amended) A network transacting method using a data processing system in which a plurality of terminal units, each having at least a data inputting function, a data outputting function and a data communicating function, are connected to a communication network for interchanging data with each other, said network transacting method comprising:

~~causing presenting, by a trader, of to present a purchase offer for an intellectual~~
property or an industrial property;

actuating the trader's terminal unit to accept a sale offer for the industrial property or the intellectual property which is received from a seller via the communication network;

when the property is industrial property, actuating the trader's terminal unit to see whether the industrial property and the seller are licit, and when the industrial property and the seller are licit, ~~causing purchasing, by the trader, of to purchase~~ the industrial property from the seller, and ~~causing registering, by the trader, of to register~~ a transfer of ownership of the industrial property from the seller to the trader;

when the property is intellectual property, ~~causing purchasing, by the trader, of to purchase~~ the intellectual property from the seller, and ~~causing filing, by the trader, of to file~~ an application for a patent on the intellectual property in the Patent Office;

actuating the trader's terminal unit to register information relating to the industrial property or the intellectual property such that the information can be browsed via the

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communication network;

actuating the trader's terminal unit to present a sale offer for the industrial property or the intellectual property to a buyer;

actuating the trader's terminal unit to accept a purchase offer for the industrial property or the intellectual property which is received from the buyer via the communication network;

~~causing selling, by the trader, of to sell~~ the industrial property or the intellectual property to the buyer; and

~~causing submitting, by the trader, of a record of to register~~ a transfer of ownership of the industrial property or the intellectual property from the trader to the buyer at the Patent Office.

4-9. (Canceled)